

Baghdad police get high-tech radios

By **Spc. Kristopher Joseph**
18th Military Police Brigade

The 18th Military Police Brigade achieved another milestone in advancing the Iraqi Police Service July 26 by issuing state-of-the-art communication radios to the Al-Mamun Police Station in western Baghdad.

The brigade commander, Col. Teddy R. Spain, is currently in charge of seeing that 34 police stations in Baghdad are renovated and equipped to allow the Iraqi police to provide the best possible safety and security to its citizens. High on his priority list is making sure the Iraqi law enforcers have a reliable internal radio communication system.

Digital system fielded

The Iraqi police were issued Motorola XTS 5000 digital radios, making the Baghdad police the only law enforcement agency outside the United States, and only the third in the world, to use the system, said Dr. Simon St. Paul, Iraq project director for radio systems.



Photo by Kristopher Joseph

Lt. Col. John Garrity, 709th Military Police Battalion commander, and West Baghdad police chief, Brigadier Jamal Ady, test new digital radios provided to the Iraqi Police Service.

The radio is capable of using up to 512 channels and can be encrypted so virtually no outside radio can tap into

its frequency and listen in. It also has over-the-air re-keying capability, which allows the radio to be shut off by another XTS 5000 in the event a radio is lost or stolen.

The entire project, which might normally take six months to complete, was finished in four weeks.

“Our team has set up similar radio systems all over the Middle East, but we have never done it so quickly,” said St. Paul.

Capt. Lesley Kipling, brigade signal officer, said the Iraqi police were excited to receive the radios.

Brigadier Jamal Ady, the West Baghdad police chief, said that the coalition has helped Iraqis support their people by giving them another tool to restore stability and the rule of law in their community.

Iraqi citizens helped the project by erecting two 60-meter-tall radio towers that will allow the radio signals to travel throughout Baghdad.

The new radio system is changing the way Baghdad police operates. “In a few months there will be a totally different police force in Baghdad,” said Kipling.

Boles meets 16th CSG soldiers in Iraq

By **Major Bob Hookness**
16th Corps Support Group S-1

After spending a full day in the field with soldiers of the 16th Corps Support Group on the outskirts of Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, who recently assumed command of the 3rd Corps Support Command, gathered with members of the unit for a few words before returning to his own headquarters.

After expressing his pride in the role 16th CSG soldiers are playing, Boles laid out his expectations for all 3rd COSCOM soldiers.

He started by addressing Desert Storm veterans in the crowd. “How many of you left something in Southwest Asia 12 years ago that you wanted to come back for?” he asked. “How many of you want your son or daughter to be here 12 years from now?”

His message was loud and clear. There is still hard work to be done if soldiers are going to accomplish their mission of stabilizing the country, facilitating self-government and improving the quality of life for the Iraqi people.

Boles asked the soldiers to concentrate on three things. First he cautioned everyone to stay safe. Secondly he charged them to stay ready. Finally Boles told soldiers to make their mothers proud. “If you know something you’re doing would make your mom want to slap you, you know you’re not doing the right thing,” he said.

Acknowledging that 16th CSG soldiers have demonstrated consistent, honorable service, Boles asked that they continue to focus

on serving the nation with pride.

He took the opportunity of speaking with soldiers to clarify the recently announced policy of one-year rotations for soldiers serving in Iraq. That rotation period applies to all soldiers serving in country, and everyone now has a clearer understanding of their own deployment cycle. Boles said soldiers must maintain their commitment to mission accomplishment until the day they redeploy.

Col. Michael C. Sevick, 16th CSG commander, presented Boles with a unit T-shirt.



Photo by Nenad Setina

I'd ride a mile for a camel

Two camels travel by truck in northern Kuwait. Nenad Setina, the senior medical administrator in Kuwait, found them catching a ride in a Chevy truck. “The photo was taken on Road 80, south of the Iraqi border in northern Kuwait. I was traveling to my camp when I noticed a truck in front of me and decided to take some photographs. It’s interesting that the driver actually slowed down so I could take better pictures. The camels were being moved somewhere and that was a convenient method of transport, I guess. Usually you’ll see camels transported in larger trucks. They were strapped down for obvious reasons, not for possibly jumping out of the truck, but that a camel is rather tall on its feet,” said Setina.



Bulletin board

At the movies Aug. 19 to Sept. 4

Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

Aug. 21 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 22-23 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
Aug. 24 — Shrek (PG) 4 p.m. Down With Love (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 28-29 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 30 — Wrong Turn (R) 7 p.m.
Aug. 31 — Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 4 p.m. Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sept. 4 — The In-Laws (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Büdingen, Little

Aug. 23 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 3 p.m.
Aug. 30 — Finding Nemo (G) 3 p.m.

Dexheim, Rhein

Aug. 22 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 23 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 24 — Down With Love (PG-13) 3 p.m.
Aug. 29 — The Matrix Reloaded (R) 7 p.m.
Aug. 30 — Wrong Turn (R) 7 p.m.
Aug. 31 — Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 3 p.m.

Friedberg, Old Ironsides

Aug. 21 — The In-Laws (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 22 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 23 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 24 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 28 — Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m.
Aug. 29 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
Aug. 30 — The Italian Job (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 31 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.
Sept. 4 — Down With Love (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Giessen, Skyline

Aug. 19 — Legally Blonde 2: Red, White And Blonde (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 20 — Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines (R) 7 p.m.
Aug. 22 — Down With Love (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Angelina Jolie must save the world from unspeakable evil in "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life."



Diego Luna (left to right), Kevin Costner and Abraham Benrubi portray cowboys whose life of freedom in a world ruled by nature is threatened by corrupt townsmen in "Open Range."

Aug. 23 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 24 — The Hunted (R) 7 p.m.
Aug. 26-27 — Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 29 — Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 30 — Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 3 p.m. Wrong Turn (R) 7 p.m.
Aug. 31 — Gods And Generals (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sept. 2-3 — Bad Boys II (R) 7 p.m.

Hanau, Evening Star

Aug. 19 — Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m.
Aug. 20 — The Italian Job (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 21 — Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m.
Aug. 22 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m. S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 23 — Down With Love (PG-13) 7 p.m. S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 24 — S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 25 — Dumb And Dumberer (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 26 — Down With Love (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 28 — Dumb And Dumberer (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 29 — Wrong Turn (R) 7 p.m. Open Range (R) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 30 — Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m. Open Range (R) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 31 — Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 4 p.m. Open Range (R) 7 p.m.
Sept. 1 — Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sept. 2 — Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 — Wrong Turn (R) 7 p.m.
Sept. 4 — Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Rhein Main, Gardens

Aug. 20 — Gigli (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 22 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 23 — Holes (PG) 2 p.m. Dumb And Dumberer (PG-13) 5 p.m. Bad Boys II (R) 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 24 — Down With Love (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 — S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 29 — Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 30 — Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 7 p.m. Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 31 — Wrong Turn (R) 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 — Open Range (R) 7 p.m.

Wackernheim, McCully

Aug. 20 — Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 — Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 — S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Flyers

Aug. 21 — Gigli (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 22 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 23 — Down With Love (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 28 — S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 29 — Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 30 — Wrong Turn (R) 7 p.m.
Sept. 4 — Open Range (R) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Taunus

Aug. 19 — Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m.
Aug. 20 — The Italian Job (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 21 — Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m.
Aug. 22 — Down With Love (PG-13) 7 p.m. Gigli (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 23 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 4 p.m. 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m. Down With Love (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 24 — Finding Nemo (G) 4 p.m. Gigli (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 25 — Gigli (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 26 — Dumb And Dumberer (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 — Down With Love (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 28 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Aug. 29 — S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 7 p.m. Wrong Turn (R) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 30 — Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 4 p.m. Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m. S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
Aug. 31 — Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 4 p.m. S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sept. 1 — S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sept. 2 — Rugrats Go Wild (PG) 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 — Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sept. 4 — Wrong Turn (R) 7 p.m.

Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the most up-to-date schedule visit the ASG's website (see address below).

Movie plots

S.W.A.T. (PG-13) — Jim Street (Colin Farrell) gets the chance to redeem his career as a Special Weapons And Tactics cop when he rejoins the team to track down drug kingpin Alex Montel (Olivier Martinez). Also stars Samuel L. Jackson, Michelle Rodriguez and LL Cool J.

Open Range (R) — Kevin Costner stars and directs this tale of men who escape their past lives by herding cattle in the disappearing Wild West, where nature is the law. One frontier town that rules through fear and tyranny forces them to act. Also stars Robert Duvall, Diego Luna and Abraham Benrubi.

Rugrats Go Wild (PG) — The Rugrats meet the Wild Thornberrys in this animated adventure for young audiences. Voice overs are provide by a pantheon of stars ranging from Bruce Willis to Chrissie Hynde.

Hollywood Homicide (PG-13) — Welcome to the land of blue skies, palm trees and dead bodies. Harrison Ford is a veteran detective whose personal life is unraveling, and Josh Hartnett is his young sidekick more interested in the yoga classes he teaches on the side than the gangland murder they are investigating in this action comedy.

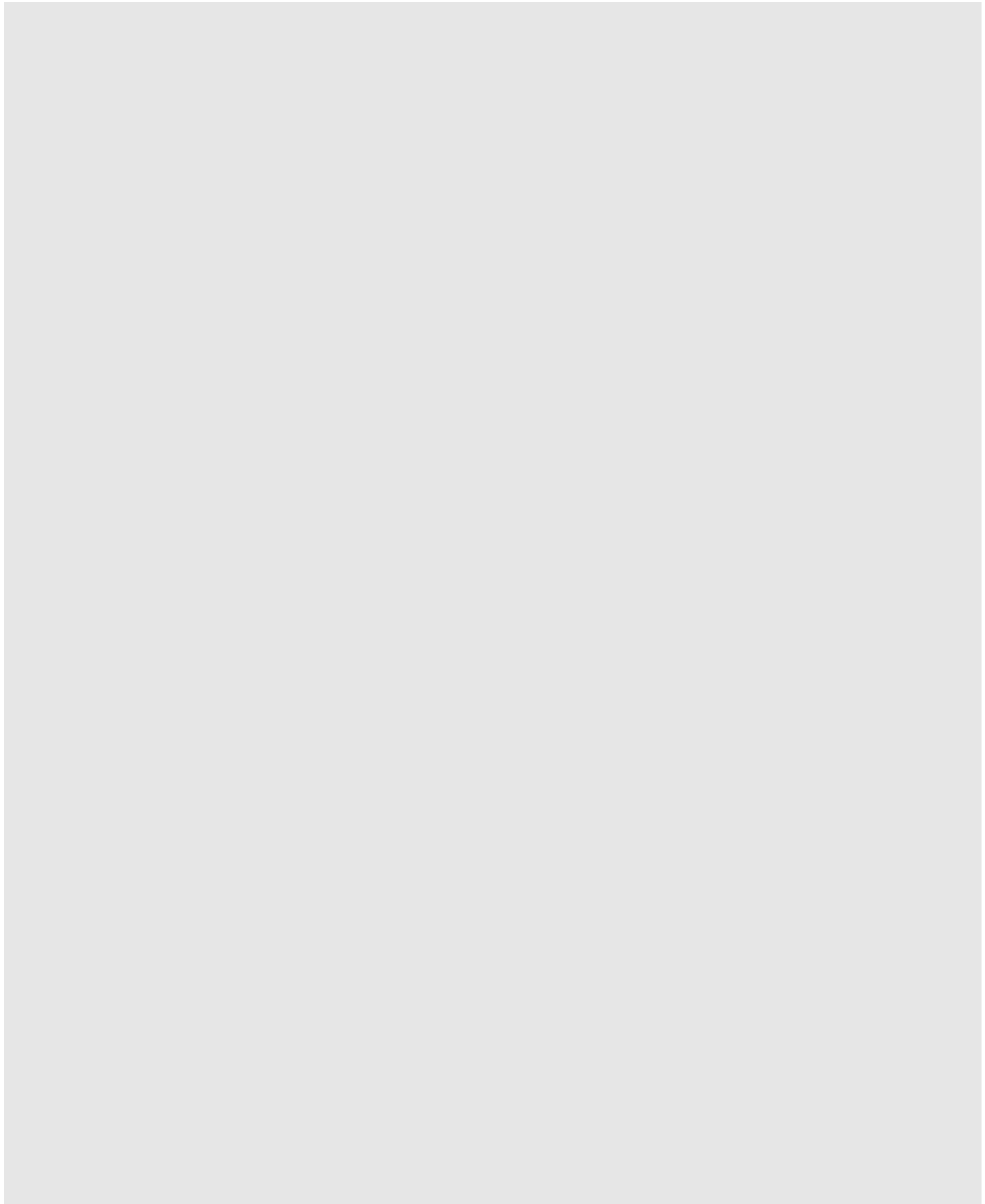
Down With Love (PG-13) — Barbara Novack (Renee Zellweger) is a proto-feminist writer who takes 1960s New York City by storm on the strength of her bestseller, "Down With Love." Her career attracts the attention, and the advances, of journalist Catcher Block (Ewan McGregor), who can't resist the challenge in this campy romantic comedy. Also stars Tony Randall.

Bad Boys II (R) — Will Smith and Martin Lawrence are back on the streets of Miami as narcotics detectives Mike Lowrey (Smith) and Marcus Burnett (Lawrence). This time they've been assigned to a high-tech task force investigating the flow of designer ecstasy into Miami. Their inquiries inadvertently lead them to a major conspiracy involving a vicious kingpin (Jordi Molla), whose ambitions to take over the city's drug trade have ignited a bloody turf war.

The Italian Job (PG-13) — After pulling off an amazing heist from a heavily guarded palazzo in Venice, Italy, Charlie (Mark Wahlberg) and his gang — inside man Steve (Edward Norton), computer genius Lyle (Seth Green), wheelman Handsome Rob (Jason Statham), explosives expert Left-Ear (Mos Def) and veteran safecracker John Bridger (Donald Sutherland) — can't believe it when one of them turns out to be a double-crosser. Now the job isn't about the payoff, it's about payback.

Finding Nemo (G) — This latest feature from Pixar Animation Studios and Disney follows the journey of two fish — Marlin and his curious son Nemo — who become separated in the Great Barrier Reef. Buoyed by the companionship of Dory, a friendly-but-forgetful fish, Marlin embarks on a dangerous trek to rescue his son.

Herald Union classifieds



Challenging year ahead for schools

Educators upbeat, focused on teaching

By David Ruderman

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

With large numbers of soldier-parents from across the 104th Area Support Group deployed to the Middle East, Department of Defense Dependents Schools administrators and teachers will be geared up for a challenging year ahead when students return to the classroom Sept. 2.

"Last year the schools did a lot of planning to handle deployments. Most of the soldiers from our area deployed around May so we have plans in place. Our concerns now are not with deploying, but with what's happening over there. It's a little tense right now," said Dr. Elizabeth Walker, superintendent of the Heidelberg District that oversees 10 of the 14 schools in the 104th ASG.

Teachers were set to report to area schools Aug. 25 for a week of staff development training. Administrators were confident they could keep students and teachers focused on academic issues, and anticipated enrollments to be only slightly affected by the deployment, said Walker. "So far we have not seen a drop. Our numbers are consistent with what we had at this time last year. We assume that our kids will be there," she said.

"There may be some effect on numbers, but I don't see any major concerns," said Dr. Pete Price, Wiesbaden Middle School principal. "We are proceeding normally. We continue to be flexible and keep the family situations in mind. I tell my folks, 'Before reacting or responding to our 'customer,' try to put yourself in their shoes.'"

"There is some question of how many students will be in school this year. We should even out about where we were last year, but with a shift of numbers among grades — fewer high school and middle school kids. We will be observing behavior change and the impact of the Iraq deployment on each kid," said Alan Davenport, Giessen Middle-High School principal. "We have to know where everyone is. Kids don't need to be alone."

"It will be our goal to keep things as 'normal' as possible," said Hanau Middle School principal Georgia Fitzpatrick.

"Since the units from my community stationed in Iraq will not return at the end of their tour, it appears some students will not return to our school this year," said Dr. Larry Sessions, principal of Gen. H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden. "It is too early to know how many students will not return."

"Our enrollment is actually in great shape at present," said Sue Morin, Butzbach Elementary School principal.

"At this point enrollment is running slightly below historical levels, but I expect the numbers to increase through September," said Eric Gentry, Sportfield Elementary School principal. "We will continue counseling groups. We will also continue to provide kids with digital pictures and film that they can share with their parents."

"I see this as another challenging year for them, with the war and the deployment and the emotions that surround



Photo by Barbara Hickman

Principals Sue Morin (left to right) of Butzbach Elementary School, Barbara Mueller of Giessen Elementary School, Charles Ragland of Bad Nauheim Elementary School and Ora Flippen-Casper of Dexheim Elementary School review last year's test score analysis during a Heidelberg District administrators meeting two weeks before the beginning of the new school year.

that," said Walker. "And with the teaching staff the emotions are running around the rumor mill of what communities are closing, who's going, who's staying. Despite it all they have to make sure every day when kids come to school that they are focused on learning. We're going to be focused on math this year. We will keep on reading, but we will be looking at what we can do to improve our students' math skills. Throughout the United States math is a concern for educators and we are addressing that concern," she said.

"The DoDEA theme for this school year, Math Matters, will be emphasized in all schools, assisting all students to become mathematically literate," said Archie W. Bates, superintendent of the Kaiserslautern District that oversees the four schools in Baumholder and Neubrücke. "As always we are interested in working with parents and community members. We welcome you and embrace your ideas for how we can make our schools, which are very good, even better."

Parent involvement critical

"Parents continue to be critical to the success of instruction and student experience," said Morin. "Schools always need parents' assistance to interact with children and work on activities in small groups. We encourage parents to volunteer when their schedules allow."

"We have a number of new offerings in math support and technical education, including a new robotics class," said Davenport.

"We are continuing our emphasis on reading, but are adding an emphasis on math to the mix," said Price.

"We will continue working toward good discipline and raised test scores," said Fitzpatrick.

Principals by and large reported no additional strain as a result of budget reductions announced during the past school year.

"Yes, there are changes, as is the case with most government agencies; however, at this point no activities have been cut, and teachers have enough money to order needed supplies," said Fitzpatrick.

"I think we've done a pretty good job of adjusting to the budget reductions," said Price.

The realignment of forces in Europe is a subject of some speculation, but most principals agreed it would have no adverse effect on daily school life.

"I can't speak for other administrators, but for me flexibility is the key. We go where the Army goes," said Fitzpatrick.

"Our job is to educate the students of our military and government employees overseas," said Price. "We will do that no matter what the alignment. We have learned from previous drawdowns and realignments how to do that. The bottom line is that without the military we don't have jobs. We will continue to provide needed services when and where we are directed to do so."

"It will be exciting," said Davenport. (Dr. Terry Emerson, Heidelberg District Superintendent's Office, contributed to this report)

Heidelberg District space available policy

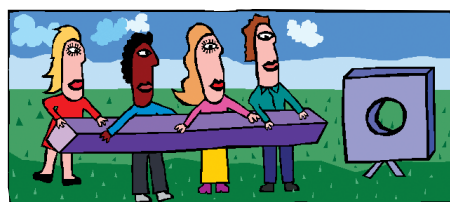
By Dr. Terry Emerson

Heidelberg District Superintendent's Office

Sponsors of children in Space Available Categories 2, 3 and 4, who were registered in Heidelberg District schools during the past school year are eligible to register and attend the same school or the appropriate feeder middle or high school in the coming academic term and until they DEROS, said Dr. Elizabeth Walker, Heidelberg District

superintendent.

All sponsors who were given exception-to-feeder-plan registration will also be eligible to attend the same school or feeder school until they DEROS. Parents should contact their local school, Housing Office and school bus office for details of each community's feeder



plan, she said. All newly arriving sponsors in Categories 2, 3 or 4 may register their children at any time, but actual enrollment may not be confirmed until the Friday of the first week of school, Sept. 5.

Space available sponsors of special needs

children should provide their child's school with all required documentation for review at the time of registration. Decisions to accept or deny enrollment will be made before Sept. 5.

All new exception-to-feeder-plan requests will be accepted at district schools, but the decision to accept the registration may not be made before Sept. 5.

Exceptions that are granted will remain valid until the sponsor's DEROS date.

Sports and leisure

By Donald Seltzer
Special to the Herald Union



A complete list of volksmarch events in and around the 104th Area Support Group can be found on the web at www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil. Click on "Lots more useful links" to reach the "Take a hike" hyperlink.

Aug. 23-24

Braunfels — This walk is west of Giessen on the edge of the scenic Naturpark Hochtaunus. From Giessen take B-49 west to Bahnhof Braunfels. A four-mile drive along an unnumbered road through Braunfels will lead to the start in Philippstein.

Start: Kultur- und Mehrzweckhalle Philippstein **Saturday and Sunday:** 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) and 6:30-11 a.m. (30 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** From previous events.

Neustadt (Hessen) — This event is north-east of Giessen and west of Bad Hersfeld. From Giessen take B-3, B-62 and B-454 north and east through Stadtlendorf to Neustadt. **Start:** Turn- und Sporthalle **Saturday:** 2-4 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, mostly woods **Award:** Decorative Windlicht.

Rödermark-Urberach — This walk is not far from Hanau, Wiesbaden or Babenhausen in a pretty, forested area. Urberach is between Dieburg and Hanau on B-45. Drivers may use B-26 or Autobahn 3 to connect with this road.

Start: Kultur- und Sporthalle des KSV Urberach **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Flat, stroller-friendly; neighborhoods, fields and woods **Award:** Salad accessories set.

Schiersfeld — This easy-to-reach event is south of Bad Kreuznach. Take the B-48 toward Kaiserslautern and connect with an unnumbered road at Mannweiler and a short, three-kilometer drive to the start. From points east, take the Wörrstadt exit of Autobahn 63 south of Mainz and B-420 to connect with B-48. **Start:** Fest tent **Saturday and Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods and fields **Award:** Terra cotta jug.

Aug. 30-31

Allendorf — This area northwest of Wiesbaden and south of Limburg offers beautiful woods, hills and gorges. Take Autobahn 3 to the Limburg-Süd exit, then follow B-54 south toward Wiesbaden to Zollhaus. Pick up B-274 for a short distance. An alternate route follows Autobahn 66 to exit at Wiesbaden-Frauenstein to take B-260 toward Bad Ems and B-274 toward

Take a hike

Limburg. **Start:** Gemeindezentrum **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 11 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, woods **Award:** Clown in the moon figurine.

Kirchberg — Enjoy the Hunsrück region's oldest town in one of Germany's most scenic areas. From points east use Autobahns 3 or 67, then Autobahn 60 to Bingen and 61 toward Koblenz. Exit at Rheinböllen and take B-50 and B-421 to Kirchberg. From Idar-Oberstein follow B-41 and B-421 north to Kirchberg.

Start: Stadthalle **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Slightly hilly (there is a steep hill following the last control), neighborhoods, woods and fields **Award:** Table clock **Note:** Trails crossed or followed a number of local roads in previous years.

Sept. 6-7

Hattersheim am Main — This event between Frankfurt and Wiesbaden is convenient for walkers throughout the central portion of the 104th ASG. Reach the start by taking Autobahn 66 and the Hattersheim exit (this exit is on the Frankfurt side of the intersection of Autobahns 66 and 3). Follow IVV signs to the start.

Start: Posthof **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Fairly flat, stroller-friendly, fields and woods **Award:** Decorative plate.

Heidelberg-Hasenleiser — Join one of Germany's more active American volksmarching organizations — the Heidelberg International Wandering Club — at this event. The start is near the Army Hospital; participants will use its parking lots. Take Autobahns 67 and 656 into Heidelberg, then follow IVV and U.S. Army signs for Campbell Barracks and the hospital.

Start: Internationale Gesamtschule **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5, 11 and 22 km) and 7-9 a.m. (42 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 11 and 22 km) and 7-8 a.m. (42 km) **Trail:** Family (5-km) trail is flat; others hilly, fields and woods. **Award:** Beer mug **Note:** Look for information on the Terry Fox Run that benefits cancer research at the start.



Sept. 13-14

Fürth/Odenwald — Midway between Darmstadt and Heidelberg, this event brings volksmarchers to the always scenic Odenwald area. Drivers should take Autobahns 67 or 5 to pick up B-460 at the Lorsch or Heppenheim exits respectively and head east to connect with B-38 for the final few kilometers.

Start: Heinrich-Böll-Schule **Saturday and Sunday:** 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Very hilly, woods **Award:** Model truck.

Questions? Send inquiries via email to volksmarch@hotmail.com.

Things to do

Festivals galore

Now's the time to get out and enjoy one of Germany's many late summer festivals. Upcoming events include **Frankfurt's Museumsuferfest** Aug. 29-31, the **Bingen Vintner Fest** Aug. 29 to Sept. 8, **Hanau's 700th anniversary** celebrations in the Altstadt Sept. 5-7, the **Mainz Wine Market** Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, the **Frankfurt Dippemess** Sept. 12-22 and the **Friedberg Herbstmarkt** Sept. 19-23.

Calling all good skiers

The Frankfurt Ski Patrol invites all interested skiers to join their organization, a part of the U.S. National Ski Patrol. Training for the coming season begins in September with classroom instruction to be held at the Commerzbank in downtown Frankfurt. Training on the slopes continues in Garmisch and the Jungfrau region of Switzerland in the winter. For information call Amy Carlson at civ (06102), Joe Hovell at mil 322-8383 or send an email to amycarlson7@aol.com.

Frankfurt entertainment with an international appeal

The Internationales Theater Frankfurt continues its eclectic program of music, dance and performance with top quality artists. Azerbaijani dance master Sashar Zarif appears in **The Spirit of the Silk Road** Aug. 23; singer, songwriter and musicologist **Bucky Halker** flies in from Chicago with an acoustic guitar program of American song Sept. 2; Tango Neuvo-Trio Potena perform tango with accordion, cello and piano Sept. 5; **Djaly Nana** present a night of African music and dance ranging from the traditional to pop Sept. 6; and an English-language comedy about married life, **"French Toast,"** takes the stage Sept. 26-28. The Internationales Theater is on the east side of Frankfurt, Hanauer Landstr. 5-7. Call civ (069) 499 0980 for tickets and directions.

Medieval life at Ronneburg

A weekend of medieval archery and cross-bow shooting will take place at Burg Ronneburg Aug. 23-24. The



Photo by Karl Weisel

Frankfurt's Museumsuferfest, known for its wide range of first-class musical and cultural attractions, its culinary treats and the attractions of the museums along the Main River, takes place Aug. 29-31. See left for other late summer fests taking place around the 104th Area Support Group.

Büdingen Music School will perform inside the castle walls Sept. 13. A Middle Ages fest will recreate the lifestyles of 600 years ago on the castle grounds Sept. 27-28 and Oct. 3-5. Ronneburg is located between Hanau and Büdingen. For information call civ (06048) 7130.

On stage in Frankfurt

Frankfurt's Alte Oper kicks off the 2003-2004 season with performances of **"Stomp"** through Aug. 31. Coming up in September is an evening of modern music with **Albert Mangelsdorff and the United Jazz and Rock Ensemble** Sept. 12, and a host of classical music performances. Information

and tickets are available at civ (069) 1340 400 or on the web at www.alteoper.de.

Tanks in Town

The city of Mons, Belgium, commemorates the liberation of the city by the 3rd Armored Division and the 1st Infantry Division during World War II with a living museum of armored vehicles Aug. 30-31. The historical city center will be a showcase of vehicles including Shermans, Chafees, Pershings, tank destroyers, half-tracks, M8s and M10s. For more information visit the www.tanksintown.be website.

Sports and leisure

Sports shorts

Cheerleading camp set

The Universal Cheer Association will hold a cheerleading camp Aug. 29-31 in Kaiserslautern to be taught by American coaches for youths in ninth through 12th grade. The cost is \$95. Call Jane Varralli at civ (06363) 1307 for details.

Civilian Fitness registration

Fitness assessments for those interested in joining the Civilian Fitness Program will be given around the 104th Area Support Group in September. Contact Health Promotion coordinator Lori Pineda in Hanau at mil 322-9509 or Chris Sorrells in Baumholder at mil 485-7306 for details.

Getting fit at Fliegerhorst

Fliegerhorst Fitness Center holds **Introduction to Fitness and Exercise** classes every Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. **Women's Fitness Night** is every Thursday at 6 p.m. For details call mil 322-7672.

Coming up at Tony Bass

Wiesbaden's Tony Bass Fitness Center offers these events in September. **Boot camp**, Sept. 2; **Invitational wrestling**, Sept. 6; **Invitational 10-mile run**, Sept. 13; and a **Fitness, Fun and Free Time Fair**, Sept. 18. Call mil 337-5943, civ (0611) 705-5943 for information.

Busy in Baumholder

Baumholder Outdoor Recreation offers scuba diving, paragliding and rock climbing instruction as well as paintball expeditions. They will take community members sea kayaking on Bosen Lake Sept. 9 and white water rafting on the Sauer River Sept. 27. Call mil 485-7182 for details and to sign up.

Flag football starts in Hanau

A 414th Base Support Battalion Flag Football Officials Clinic will be held Aug. 26-28 starting at 6 p.m. each evening at Pioneer Fitness Center. Those interested in officiating must attend. Play kicks off with a pre-season tournament Sept. 2-4, and regular play begins Sept. 8. Call mil 322-8197 or 9617 for details.

Turnout light for track and field

By David Ruderman
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With large numbers of 104th Area Support Group soldiers serving downrange, turnout by local athletes was light at the annual U.S. Forces Europe Track and Field Championship held in Bruchköbel, just north of Hanau, Aug. 2.

Teams and individuals from Grafenwöhr, Spangdahlem and Kaiserslautern dominated the day's events. Baumholder's Philip Livingwood was the only 104th ASG competitor to take home a trophy, finishing second in the men's 1,500-meter track event with a time of 4:27.6.

Thinclads from Grafenwöhr took a total of 11 gold and 10 silver medals to win team honors with a total of 30 points. Athletes from Spangdahlem earned five gold and nine silver to finish second with a total of 22 points, and competitors from Kaiserslautern won nine gold and four silver awards to take third place with 14 points.



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Darmstadt's Douglas Washington gives it all in the javelin competition at the U.S. Forces Europe Track and Field Championship held Aug. 2 at Bruchköbel.



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Runners take off at the start of the men's 10,000-meter race.



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Kaiserslautern's Jacqueline Chen crosses the finish line to take first in the 3,000-meter women's race.

MPs meet 62-mile challenge in heat

By David Ruderman
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"My foot's hamburger — I bled through my sock," called a Military Police soldier as he finished the 37-mile bicycle trek segment of a three-part, 62-mile MP Regimental Challenge held on and around Hanau's Fliegerhorst Kaserne Aug. 1.

Over 100 soldiers from across Germany turned out on a sunny, hot day to put their bodies through hell for fun and esprit de corps. The 62-mile course marked the 62nd anniversary of the appointment of Maj. Gen. Allen W. Guillion as the provost marshal general of the United States on July 31, 1941. The MP Corps became a separate branch of the Army Sept. 26 that year. The day's events began with a 10-mile run at 6 a.m., continued with the 37-mile bicycle ride and concluded with a 15-mile march.

"Most people are taking it as a personal challenge, working against the clock. It's a good turnout. I'm the moral support guy," said Staff Sgt. Carlos Rodriguez of 127th MP Company, as he bantered with soldiers finishing one segment and starting out on the next.

"This is great — the esprit de corps — and

it's such a beautiful day to do it," said 1st Lt. Erik Archer of the 127th. "It's monstrous. You'll see it when the bikes start coming back." Going to extremes is not out of the ordinary for MPs these days, he said. "We're doing training like we have not done in years."

"I cramped up a little, but now I'm feeling good," said Sgt. Ferrette Terry of 127th. "The bike is the hardest part — after you do the running. Running isn't bad; we do that every day. You're not racing anything but the clock, and time doesn't mean anything. I'm having fun."

While there were no official winners, only fellow soldiers sharing the pain and the glory, there were some personal competitions going on at the same time, said Rodriguez. "Lots of people say they're not racing, but you know, they've got their own little internal thing going on so they can brag about it later. And then we've got these wanna-be quarterbacks," he said, joking with a soldier pedaling in to wrap up his bicycle leg of the challenge.

"We've got a lot of soldiers cramping up. If you don't train for this it's tough," said Rodriguez. "Determination, strength, durability — you can't get that in a bottle. It's the hoo-ah in them that brings them back up." (Karl Weisel contributed to this report)



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Military Police soldiers wrap up the bicycle leg of a 62-mile Regimental Challenge held on and around Fliegerhorst Kaserne Aug. 1. Over 100 soldiers, not all of them necessarily MPs, took part in the event held to mark the 62nd anniversary of the establishment of the MP Corps.